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February 8, 2021

Re: United States v. Michael Del Villar, 20-cr-295 (VEC)

The Honorable Valerie E. Caproni
United States District Judge
United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse
40 Foley Square
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Caproni:

On behalf of the defendant Michael Del Villar, I write respectfully to request permission to redact certain information in the Exhibits to the Declaration of Samantha Lawson in Support of Michael Del Villar's Motion *in Limine* ("Lawson Declaration"), which contain "sensitive information" as defined in the Southern District of New York Electronic Case and Filing Rules & Instructions ("SDNY Filing Rules"), Section 21 (Privacy and Public Access to ECF Cases) and as identified in Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 49.1(a)(5) (Privacy Protection for Filings Made with the Court), and other privacy concerns. The Government and counsel for Enrique Rosado consent to this request.

The justification and location of the proposed redactions are outlined below.

1. The home address of a defendant

Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 49.1(a)(5) states that only the city and state of an individual's home address should be included in a filing. Fed. R. Crim. P. 49.1(a)(5). The SDNY Filing Rules also specify that the home address of a criminal defendant is considered "sensitive information" and should be redacted. SDNY Filing Rules, Section 21.3.

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The full address of a defendant is included at the following citation and we respectfully request its redaction:

- Lawson Declaration, Exhibit 2¹ at USAO_010.

2. The license plate number of a defendant

The SDNY Filing Rules state that “caution should be exercised when filing documents that contain . . . [p]ersonal identifying numbers (PIN#’s)” such as driver’s license numbers. As with a driver’s license number, a license plate and car registration is associated with an individual and can be used to locate their home address and other sensitive personal information.

The license plate of a defendant is included at the following citations and we respectfully request its redaction:

- Lawson Declaration, Exhibit 1 at USAO_128.
- Lawson Declaration, Exhibit 2 at USAO_010, USAO_013;

3. The cellphone number of a defendant

As noted, the SDNY Filing Rules state that caution should be exercised when filing documents that contain “personal identifying numbers.” A cellphone number is clearly associated with an individual and can be used to identify and contact that person.

The cellphone number of a defendant is included at the following citations and we respectfully request its redaction:

- Lawson Declaration, Exhibit 1 at USAO_115, USAO_122, USAO_124, USAO_126, USAO_139, USAO_145, USAO_146.

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Pursuant to Rules 3 (A) (ii) and (iii) of Your Honor’s Individual Practices in Criminal Cases, we will file the redacted versions of the documents on ECF and email Chambers a copy of the documents with redactions identified.

¹ Exhibit 2 contains black box redactions that were original to the document, as produced by the Government. To distinguish those from Mr. Del Villar’s requested redactions, we have marked all requested redactions with the word “Redacted” in red.

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Thank you for the Court's consideration of this request. We are available to provide any additional information the Court requires.


Respectfully submitted,

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Application GRANTED.

SO ORDERED.

 2/11/2021

HON. VALERIE CAPRONI
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE